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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: SINN et al.

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BETWEEN HEALTHY AND UNHEALTHY TISSUE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 12, 2002 (Paper No. 20), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants enclose herewith:

- 1) Appendix A with a marked-up copy of the amendments to the claims;
- 2) Appendix B, presenting the claims as pending after entry of the instant amendment;
- 3) Appendix C, presenting a Declaration of Dr. Hannsjörg Sinn;
- 4) Appendix D, presenting a copy of relevant pages of the "Wenske Dictionary of Chemistry;" and
- 5) A petition for two (2) month(s) extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.